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### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 7485 NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 3, 2003 **BILL NUMBER:** HB 1659 **BILL AMENDED:** Mar 3, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Regional sewer districts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins

BILL STATUS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> (Amended) This bill provides that a regional sewer district must base its rates and charges on factors that are necessary to establish fair, just, and equitable rates and charges. A campground is allowed to elect to be billed for sewage service based on the campground's resident equivalent units.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

#### **Explanation of State Expenditures:**

#### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill would not have an impact on local expenditures. The campground would have to pay for the installation of a meter to measure the actual amount of sewage discharged by the campground into the sewers. The board may impose additional charges on a campground if the board incurs additional costs that are caused by any unique factors that apply to providing sewage service for the campground, including installation of oversized pipe and any other unique equipment.

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) Allowing a campground to elect to be billed for sewage service based on the campground's resident equivalent units may affect revenue collected by regional sewer districts. The highest monthly meter reading for the campground during the year must be used to determine the resident equivalent units for the campground. The basic monthly charge for the campground's sewage service must be equal to the number of the campground's resident equivalent units multiplied by the rate charged by the board for a resident unit. The overall fiscal impact is indeterminable.

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## **State Agencies Affected:**

**<u>Local Agencies Affected:</u>** Regional sewer districts, counties, and local courts.

**Information Sources:** 

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